GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – LEGAL METROLOGY DEPARTMENT – Allegation of Corruption of demand and Acceptance of bribe against Sri Md. Karimulla S/o. Mastan Vali aged 43 years, Inspector, Legal Metrology, Guntur, Guntur District–Trapped on 16-04-2014 – Sanction for Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (VS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.9 Dated 18.07.2016

ORDER:

WHEREAS, Sri Mohammad Karimulla S/o. Mastan Vali, worked as Inspector, Legal Metrology, Guntur, Guntur District from 17-06-2011 to 16-04-2014 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. AND WHEREAS Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao S/o. Sitharamaiah, aged 32 years, Prop. of M/s. Harsha Electronics, R/o. D.No. 2-139, Vaddamanu Village, Thulluru Mandal, Guntur District.

3. AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao is running electronic weighing machines shop in the name of M/s Harsha Electronics in his village. He obtained license from the Government vide licence bearing No. GNT/DL-98/2013. During the course of his business, he sold away ten (10) weighing machines for 2014-A quarter in Guntur District. On 14-02-2014 Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao met Sri Mohammad Karimulla , submitted 10 challans and requested for stamping and to issue verification certificates 10 weighing machines which were sold in the month of February, 2014. After verifying the challans, Sri Mohammad Karimulla informed him to pay Rs. 250/- per each machine (Total amount of Rs. 2,500/-) and demanded him to give bribe of Rs. 350/- per each *machine,* total amounting Rs. 3,500/-. On that Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao informed his inability to pay the amount and came out from the office. 10 days after that Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao again met Sri Mohammad Karimulla and requested for stamping and to issue verification certificates. He reiterated earlier demand of bribe. Then Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao expressed his inability to pay such a huge amount and requested him to reduce the bribe amount and went out. On 02-04-2014 once again Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao met and requested for stamping and to issue verification certificates, Sri Mohammad Karimulla informed that he was engaged on election duty and instructed to come and meet him at his office on 15-04-2014 along with demanded bribe amount. Accordingly on 15-04-2014 morning Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao met Sri Mohammad Karimulla at his office and requested for stamping of his 10 weighing machines and to issue verification certificates. Sri Mohammad Karimulla again reiterated his previous demand of bribe as Rs. 350/- per each weighing machine. On his request, Sri Mohammad Karimulla reduced bribe amount from Rs. 350/- to Rs. 250/- per each machine total amount of Rs. 2,500/- and further instructed to give such demanded bribe amount of Rs. 2,500/- at his office on 16-04-2014. As there is no other go, Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao unwillingly agreed for the same. As Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao was not interested to pay the bribe amount to Sri Mohammad Karimulla he gave a written report to DSP, A.C.B. Guntur against Sri Mohammad Karimulla for necessary action on 15-04-2014 at 18.00 hours. After following the due procedure, the DSP, registered the report as a case in Cr.No. 02/RCT-ACB-GNT/2014 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 16.04.2014 at 10.15 hours, after obtaining permission from the DG, ACB, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad

4. AND WHEREAS, after completion of pre trap proceedings the trap party left the O/o. DSP, ACB, Guntur at 11.45 hours on 16-04-2014 and reached the vicinity of the office of the Inspector, Legal Metrology, Guntur at 12.00 hours, where Sri Mohammad Karimulla was successfully trapped at 13.20 hours, when Sri

Mohammad Karimulla further demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs. 2,500/- and received prescribed for Government fee of Rs. 2,500/- (Total amount of Rs. 5000/-) from Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao. When the chemical test conducted on both hand fingers of Sri Mohammad Karimulla yielded positive result. In pursuance of the information furnished by Sri Mohammad Karimulla the tainted bribe amount of Rs. 2,500/- and Government fee of Rs. 2,500/-(Total amount of Rs. 5000/- ) was recovered from the left side upper shirt pocket of Sri Mohammad Karimulla. When compared, the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found to tally with those of the serial nos. of currency notes hand over by Sri Kadiyala Purnachandra Rao during pre-trap proceedings. The chemical test conducted on the inner linings of the left side upper shirt pocket of Sri Mohammad Karimulla also yielded positive result. The DSP seized the two bunches of currency notes i.e., tainted bribe amount of Rs. 2,500/- and Government fee of Rs. 2,500/- and the shirt of Sri Mohammad Karimulla, resultant solutions and relevant records. The DSP examined the witnesses and prepared rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5. AND WHEREAS the above said acts of Sri Mohammad Karimulla S/o. Mastan Vali formerly Inspector, Legal Metrology, Guntur, Guntur District constitute offences punishable Under Sections 7 & 13 (2) read with 13(1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. AND WHEREAS Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Sri Mohammad Karimulla formerly Inspector, Legal Metrology, Guntur, Guntur District from service after carefully examining the material (i.e. F.I.R., Mediator Reports, Statements of witnesses, made up files, explanation of Sri Mohammad Karimulla and final report of DG, ACB., etc.,) placed before me in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case, considered that Sri Mohammad Karimulla formerly Inspector, Legal Metrology, Guntur, Guntur District should be prosecuted in a competent Court of Law.

7. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Sri Mohammad Karimulla S/o. Mastan Vali formerly Inspector, Legal Metrology, Guntur, Guntur District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7 & 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the Court of competent jurisdiction.

( BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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